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SUBJ: NATIONALIST WINS BY-ELECTION

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1. NATIONALIST CANDIDATE, ALFRED BALDACCHINO, WON BY ELECTION FOR SEAT IN ELECTORAL DISTRICT WHICH BECAME VACANT UPON DEATH OF NATIONALIST DEPUTY CARUANA DEMAJO. HIS VICTORY CONFIRMS POINTS MADE IN REFTEL THAT THE CHANCES FOR ANOTHER PARTY TO WIN A VACANT SEAT ARE VERY REMOTE. NO LABORITES REGISTERED FOR THE BY-ELECTION, ALTHOUGH THE NON-ELECTED CANDIDATE WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES REPRESENTED LABOR. THE VOTE COUNT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACCURATELY PREDICTING THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR A VACANT SEAT. BALDACCHINO GOT SUBSTANTIALLY LESS FIRST PREFERENCE VOTES THAN MOST OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE SEAT, BUT WON BECAUSE HE GOT MORE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH PREFERENCES ON CARUANA DEMAJO'S VOTES THAN THEY DID.

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2. BALDACCHINO IS GOOD FRIEND OF EMBASSY. HE IS

THIRTY-SIX, AND OXFORD GRADUATE ECONOMIST AND IS
ENGAGED IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH U.S. DATA PROCESSING
FIRM, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE CORP. HE IS
ALSO USIS' LANDLORD.GETZ

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